# Watch before you back!

Every day 6 children in the United States, are injured from being backed over from a vehicle in a driveway or parking lot. While 50% of these happen in driveways, among children 1-4 years, other ages at high risk are children 9-14 years from vehicles backing-up from driveways that cross sidewalks and backing-up at parking lots. Drivers do not see the child and the child unaware the driver was moving the vehicle.



## *Tips* for Parents, Caregivers, & Drivers

#### DRIVEWAYS

Walk around the your parked vehicle to check for children-or anything



that can attract a child like pets or toys under or behind your vehicle before getting in and starting the engine.

When backing, remember your car crosses a sidewalk where children could cross on a bicycle, walking, or running. A simple honking of your horn will alert others you are backing out.

## PARKING LOTS

- After exiting a vehicle, always hold your child's hand. If you have other children, have each hold another's hand.
- When walking with children teach children how to recognize when a driver puts a car in reverse (white back-up lights turn on).
- When going back to your vehicle, look around for children who might be around when backing up.

## Tips for older Children & Teens

SIDEWALKS (walking, running, or riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, blades)

- Be aware of driveways delivery trucks and cars may be backing up.
- If you see the white "back-up" lights turn on, on a vehicle, you must STOP!

These light turn on when a driver makes the car go backward to let people know they are backing-up. Let the car back away, then continue walking.

### PARKING LOTS

- Be aware of vehicles that back-up by looking for their "white" back-up lights. If you see them turn on, you STOP, back away & let the vehicle backup.
- Always walk, never run.

## DO NOT PLAY OR RELAX ON DRIVEWAYS



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